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INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY
SANTIAGO DE CUBA, CUBA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: RECENT MILITARY ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CUBA INDICATES THE PROBABLE FORMATION OF A NEW SAM BRIGADE AND AN UNUSUAL NAVAL DEPLOYMENT TO THE SANTIAGO DE CUBA AREA. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SAM SITE, SANTIAGO DE CUBA SA-2 SITE [REDACTED], SUGGESTS THAT A PROBABLE SAM BRIGADE IS BEING FORMED IN EASTERN CUBA. THIS WOULD BE THE SIXTH SAM BRIGADE IN CUBA. (CURRENTLY SA-2 AND SA-3 BRIGADES ARE DEPLOYED TO DEFEND THE HAVANA, CIENFUEGO-SANTA CLARA, AND HOLGUIN AREAS.) INITIAL GRADING FOR THIS NEW SITE EXISTED AS EARLY AS [REDACTED] A SAM SUPPORT FACILITY WAS IN AN INITIAL STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION ADJACENT TO THE NEW SITE; HOWEVER GRADING OF THE LAUNCH POSITIONS HAD NOT BEGUN. BY [REDACTED] FIVE REVETTED LAUNCH POSITIONS HAD BEEN COMPLETED, GRADING FOR THE SIXTH LAUNCH REVETMENT WAS BEGUN, AND THE CENTRAL GUIDANCE AREA WAS IN THE MID STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. (SWN)

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IN ADDITION, GRADING FOR A FIELD DEPLOYED SA-3 SAM SITE WAS PRESENT ON [REDACTED] ADJACENT TO THE SANTIAGO DE CUBA SA-2 SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. BY [REDACTED] THE SA-3 SITE WAS OCCUPIED BY THREE PROBABLE FOUR-RAIL LAUNCHERS, A LOW BLOW RADAR WITH TWO ASSOCIATED VANS, AND A POSSIBLE ACQUISITION RADAR. THIS SA-3 SITE IS PROBABLY RELATED TO THE UPCOMING [REDACTED] COMMEMORATION. HISTORICALLY, AN SA-3 BATTALION HAS BEEN FIELD DEPLOYED TO AREAS WHERE FIDEL CASTRO HAS TRAVELED IN CUBA TO TAKE PART IN COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATIONS. (GRAPHIC 1) (SWN)

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IN ADDITION TO THE SAM ACTIVITY, A CUBAN NAVAL DEPLOYMENT CONSISTING OF A VIETNAM HEROICO-CLASS CARGO/TRAINING SHIP AND A KONI-CLASS FRIGATE WAS IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT ([REDACTED]) ON [REDACTED] THE VIETNAM HEROICO HAD DEPARTED LA HABANA PORT FACILITIES ([REDACTED]) AFTER [REDACTED] AND HAD ARRIVED IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA AFTER [REDACTED] THE CUBAN KONI-CLASS FRIGATE, LAST OBSERVED AT PUNTA MOVIDA NAVAL FACILITY [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED] HAD ARRIVED IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA AFTER [REDACTED] THESE VESSELS ARE ALSO PROBABLY INTENDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA. (GRAPHIC 2) (SWN) [REDACTED]

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3. SANTIAGO DE CUBA SA-2 SITE,
COORDINATES 20-00-30N 075-47-30W
LA HABANA PORT FACILITIES,
COORDINATES 23-07-59N 082-20-49W

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